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1. The Lithuanian Minister of the Interior issued a decree in Vilna in December 1946 consisting of the following points:
 - a. An order for military action against the Partisans.
 - b. A promise of amnesty for surrendering Partisans, including leaders.
 - c. An appeal to Partisans to kill leaders opposed to surrender.
 - d. An appeal to former Partisans to surrender all arms still in their possession.
 - e. An order for deportation of relatives of known Partisans who do not surrender.
 - f. An appeal to all farmers to make known hiding places located on their territory.
 - g. An appeal to all Lithuanians who know of hiding places to make them known to the police.
2. During the first two years of Russian occupation (summer 1944 - October 1946) Partisan casualties were estimated at 8,000 killed. During the same time 24,000 peasants were liquidated for aiding Partisans. Ten thousand more have been deported.
3. Simultaneously with the purge in the USSR in the summer of 1946, Lithuanian administration and the Communist Party were purged. The center of the action was Kaunas. Purged leading Communists include: First Secretary of the Lithuanian Communist Party Grigalavitchius (Grigalavičius), Communist Secretary of Education and Culture Bielionuskas, and six other secretaries. All were members of the Central Committee of the Lithuanian Communist Party. Other purged officials: Chairman of the Kaunas Executive Committee Krastinas, Professor of Law at Kaunas University Jurgutis (former Gestapo victim and concentration camp inmate), and twenty other professors. The official reason in all cases was: participation in a bourgeois reactionary movement. As a result of the arrest of 500 students almost no students were enrolled at Kaunas University in the summer of 1946. Kaunas and Vilna Universities have been made directly subject to Moscow.

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